

General Assembly

Proposed Bill No. 440

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LCO No. **2846**

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:

SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist. SEN. OSTEN, 19th Dist. SEN. FONFARA, 1st Dist. SEN. MOORE, 22nd Dist. SEN. MCCRORY, 2nd Dist. SEN. BRADLEY, 23rd Dist. SEN. CASSANO, 4th Dist. SEN. KUSHNER, 24th Dist. SEN. LESSER, 9th Dist. SEN. HASKELL, 26th Dist. SEN. FLEXER, 29th Dist. SEN. WINFIELD, 10th Dist. SEN. COHEN, 12th Dist. SEN. NEEDLEMAN, 33rd Dist. SEN. ABRAMS, 13th Dist. SEN. BERGSTEIN, 36th Dist.

AN ACT PROHIBITING CAPTIVE AUDIENCE MEETINGS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to provide that no employer,
- 2 or agent, representative or designee of such employer, shall: (1)
- 3 Require an employee to attend an employer-sponsored meeting with
- 4 the employer or its agent, representative or designee, the primary
- 5 purpose of which is to communicate the employer's opinion
- 6 concerning political or religious matters, and (2) discharge, discipline
- 7 or penalize, or threaten to discharge, discipline or penalize, any
- 8 employee because the employee, or a person acting on behalf of the
- 9 employee, makes a good-faith report, orally or in writing, of a
- 10 violation or a suspected violation of the provisions of subdivision (1) of

11 this section.

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Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit an employer from coercing employees into attending or participating in meetings sponsored by the employer concerning the employer's views on political or religious matters.

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